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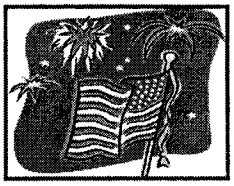
Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center



Summer 2002
Pathways, Boundaries and Markers

A celebration of the history of mapmaking and surveying will be on display at the Nabb Research Center through September 2002.

September 20-21
Tracing Your Delmarva Ancestors Seminar

Nabb Research Center and the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society will co-host the seminar "Tracing Your Delmarva Ancestors." The Maryland Genealogical Society is sponsoring the seminar, which will be held at Salisbury University. For more details, visit our Web site at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

Thursday, October 3
"The Rebel Is on Thy Shore— The Maryland Campaign of 1862" Lecture

Maryland Humanities Council Speakers Bureau Member Thomas G. Clemens will discuss the political and military dilemmas facing the Union and Confederate governments in the summer of 1862 and the powerful effects of the Maryland campaign on the direction of the Civil War. This event will be held in the Wicomico Room of SU's Guerrieri University Center and is free and open to the public.

Ainsworth Addition

Over the years, Somerset County resident, Freedom Ainsworth, has donated a number of items of historical interest to the Nabb Research Center including many documents related to Eastern Shore architecture. The Ainsworth family recently added a number of items to this collection, including several ledgers, day books, fee books and journals as well as pottery shards, photographs and other Somerset County materials. The bulk of the addition focuses on life in and around Beckford, an early 18th century home in Princess Anne. One of the most interesting items in the donation is the ledger of the Brig *Peggy*, an 18th century merchant ship. In 1766 during a voyage to the island of Antigua, the *Peggy* delivered items such as planks, staves, tobacco, flour, *pease*, bread, fine bread, Indian corn, 5 dozen ducks and 6 geese. The vessel returned to Somerset County loaded with 836 gallons of rum, over 300 casks of sugar, 4 hogsheads of molasses and 8 barrels of limes. The *Peggy* was owned by Levin Gale and Henry Jackson and Henry Liddell was the Master of the Brig.

This photograph of the Somerset County Courthouse in Princess Anne, Maryland was taken circa 1904. The *History Detectives* at the Center were able to date the picture based on a partial name that appears on the Magistrate's Office sign. S.H. Colona was the Justice of the Peace in Princess Anne from 1902-1904.

Library of Dr. John B. Bell Donated to Nabb Center

The Nabb Research Center extends its sincere thanks to Paul Bell who recently donated in excess of 150 volumes related to Delmarva history to the Nabb Research Center's holdings. Mr. Bell's father, the late Dr. John B. Bell, was an avid family historian who had acquired an extensive genealogical library. Most of Dr. Bell's genealogical research focused on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He was the author of two books, *Northampton County Tithables, 1662-1677* and *Northampton County Tithables, 1720-1769*. Dr. Bell also authored a monograph on the Northampton Protest of 1652, which is on file in the Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomack, VA. The Bell volumes will be accessioned and added to the Center's holding throughout this summer.

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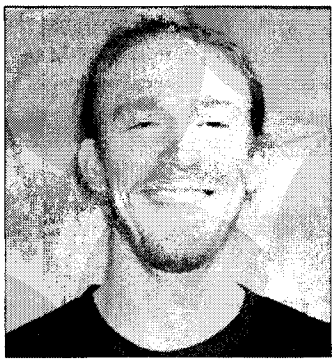
Somerset County Books

All of the paperback books pertaining to Somerset County history have been sent off site for rebinding. The books should be back on the shelf by mid-June, but anyone interested in using these books should call the Nabb Research Center to confirm their availability. Thank you for your patience!

Late Breaking News...

Salisbury University has just awarded the Nabb Research Center an additional 1,015 square feet of space in the Power Professional Building. The bulk of the space will be used to create a secure, climate controlled archival storage room. The remaining space will accommodate the Center's ever growing staff. Look for more information on the space and moving plans in future newsletters.

Miles Stevenson Prize Winners for 2002 Announced



The co-winners of this semester's Miles Stevenson Prize are Donnie Meyd (pictured left) and Stacy Godfrey (pictured right). Established by Marelyn Zipser in honor of Roger Atwood Miles and Arintha May Stevenson, this award is given each semester for outstanding historical research. Donnie is an SU senior and history major from Hampstead, MD. His research focused on early Somerset County resident Richard Holland. Stacy is a local resident from Hebron, MD, who attended Parkside High School. She is a sophomore majoring in history and secondary education. Stacy researched 17th century Somerset County resident Jane Elzey. Both students did their research as part of the Proseminar research class that all SU history majors must take. Congratulations to both Stacy and Donnie on their excellent work! If you would like more information about the Miles Stevenson Prize or the Nabb Research Center's other research award, the Washburn Prize, please visit our Web site at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.